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For. **RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET HAVING
CORROSION-RESISTANT FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

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